(e) whether Government would give one increment in January 2006 to the employees whose increments were delayed;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) As per Sixth Central Pay Commission's recommendations accepted by the Government, the date of annual increments in all cases is 1st of July. Employees completing six months and above in the scale as on 1st July are eligible for annual increment on that date.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) After the implementation of Sixth Central Pay Commission's recommendation relating to date of increment, now there is only one date of annual increment in all cases, which is 1st of July.

Merger of posts

369. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain Government posts bearing pre-revised scales of 6500-10500 and 7450-11500 have been merged;

(b) whether it has been carried out on non-functional basis or functional basis;

(c) if so, the details thereof; department-wise;

(d) whether the merger has also made changes in the seniority of employees falling under these groups of employees; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) This has been carried out as per the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission. These posts are spread across various Ministries and Departments.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Investment in IPL by banks

370. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that looking at the profits earned by the sponsors of Indian Premier League (IPL) the private equity funds, commercial and investment banks or even conventional banks may be lured to join IPL;